

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST LITIGATION	12-md-02311 Honorable Marianne O. Battani
ALL PARTS	
THIS RELATES TO: ALL CASES	

ELECTRONIC CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL ORDER

On July 10, 2012, representatives from each of the putative plaintiffs' classes and certain of the defendants met with the Court to discuss implementing procedures to clarify and simplify the electronic case filing ("ECF") system in Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation. After careful consideration, the Court implements the following ECF procedures:

1. The "Master Case," 12-md-02311, includes all cases involving automotive parts antitrust actions that are transferred to the Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("JPML") or otherwise consolidated or coordinated with other matters before the Court under the Master Case, 12-md-02311.

2. The Master Case includes "Lead Cases" relating to specific parts, including, but not limited to Wire Harness, Instrument Panel Clusters, Fuel Senders, Heater Control Panels, Bearings, and Occupant Safety Systems.

3. The Lead Cases include "Class Cases" for each particular putative class of plaintiffs (Direct Purchaser, Automobile Dealer, and End-Payor) to the extent such putative plaintiff class has brought an action related to the specific part.

4. Within each Class Case, there will be individual member cases referred to as "Individual Cases". These are the originally filed individual complaints that will retain the originally assigned case numbers. Accordingly, the cases will be organized as follows:

MASTER DOCKET (“MASTER CASE”)		In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST LITIGATION 12-md-02311
LEAD CASE	WIRE HARNESS	W:12-cv-00100
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	W:12-cv-00101
Class Case	Dealership Actions	W:12-cv-00102
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	W:12-cv-00103
LEAD CASE	INSTRUMENT PANEL CLUSTERS	P:12-cv-00200
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	P:12-cv-00201
Class Case	Dealership Actions	P:12-cv-00202
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	P:12-cv-00203
LEAD CASE	FUEL SENDERS	F:12-cv-00300
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	F:12-cv-00301
Class Case	Dealership Actions	F:12-cv-00302
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	F:12-cv-00303
LEAD CASE	HEATER CONTROL PANELS	H:12-cv-00400
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	H:12-cv-00401
Class Case	Dealership Actions	H:12-cv-00402
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	H:12-cv-00403
LEAD CASE	BEARINGS	B:12-cv-00500

Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	B:12-cv-00501
Class Case	Dealership Actions	B:12-cv-00502
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	B:12-cv-00503
LEAD CASE	OCCUPANT SAFETY SYSTEMS	S:12-cv-00600
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	S:12-cv-00601
Class Case	Dealership Actions	S:12-cv-00602
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	S:12-cv-00603

5. Papers applicable to all antitrust actions involving all automotive parts transferred to this Court shall be filed only in 12-md-02311. The following caption shall be used:

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6. Papers applicable to all putative class actions relating to a particular part shall be filed only in the appropriate Lead Case. The following caption shall be used:

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In Re: <i>[NAME OF PART]</i> CASES	[--]:12-cv-00[xxx]-MOB-MKM
THIS RELATES TO: ALL Name of the Part CASES	

7. Papers only applicable to a specific putative class action relating to a particular part shall be filed only in the appropriate Class Case within the appropriate Lead Case. The following caption shall be used:

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THIS RELATES TO: <i>[NAME OF CLASS CASE (i.e. the applicable putative class)]</i>	[--]:12-cv-00[xxx]-MOB-MKM

8. By way of example, papers applicable to all consolidated amended complaints relating to Wire Harnesses shall be filed only in W:12-cv-00100, the Lead Case, and not separately in the Master Case, 12-md-02311, or in any Class Case or Individual Case. As a further example, all papers applicable to the Dealership Consolidated Amended Complaint relating to Wire Harnesses shall be filed only in the Class Case, W:12-cv-00102, and not separately in the Master Case, or 12-md-02311, or the Lead Case, W:12-cv-00100.

9. Any paper that is applicable only to an Individual Case must be filed separately in each applicable Individual Case. The following caption shall be used:

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THIS RELATES TO: [Name of Plaintiff(s)] v. [Name of Defendant(s)]	Case No. 12-cv-[-----]-MOB-MKM

10. To the extent not already accomplished, attorneys shall file appearances in:

- a. The Master Case;
- b. All applicable Lead Cases in which they represent client(s); and
- c. All applicable Class Cases in which they represent client(s).

11. Attorneys representing client(s) in the Master Case may file appearances as an interested party in any Lead Case or Class Case where they do not represent client(s).

12. New cases that counsel believe pertain to this Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation should be identified at the time of filing as related to 12-md-02311 on the Civil Cover Sheet. Further, counsel shall indicate on the Civil Cover Sheet whether counsel believes that the new case should be assigned to an existing Lead Case and/or Class Case or involves a new automotive part requiring a new Lead Case or Class Case.

13. After the Court reassigns any new or existing cases within the structure of 12-md-02311, parties shall have twenty-one days to file an objection to the Court's designation.

14. This Order is without prejudice as to the rights of any party to challenge any revision of this protocol involving additional parts or designations.

15. The electronic protocol shall be effective September 10, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: August 29, 2012

s/Marianne O. Battani
MARIANNE O. BATTANI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the above date a copy of this Electronic Case Management Protocol Order was served upon all counsel of record via the Court's ECF Filing System.

s/Bernadette M. Thebolt
Case Manager